Appendix A
Showing the changes that have been made to the claims

1. (Amended) A method for allowing a user to use user equipment to place [an] electronic wagers on [a] races with an interactive wagering application [that handles wagers for multiple totes], comprising:

using the interactive wagering application to provide the user with an opportunity to create a wager of a particular wager type for a particular race; [and]

providing access to multiple wagering pools that are independent of each other, wherein each wagering pool is capable of accepting the wager of the particular wager type for the particular race; and

using the interactive wagering application to [select a given one of multiple totes to use for placing the wager, wherein each of the multiple totes has an associated wagering pool, and wherein the associated wagering pools are not shared] place the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools.

2. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to [select the given one of the totes] place the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools comprises automatically

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applying [tote] wagering pool selection criteria using the interactive wagering application.

3. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to [select the given one of the totes] place the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools comprises using the interactive wagering application to provide the user with an opportunity to manually apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria.

5. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a menu region for the user that includes a setup option, wherein the user may access [tote] wagering pool selection features of the interactive wagering application by selecting the setup option.

6. (Twice Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to display an option for the user that allows the user to select a type of [tote] wagering pool selection method the user desires to use to manually select the [tote] wagering pool for the wager.

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7. (Twice Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to display a setup option for the user that allows the user to select the [tote] wagering pool to be used by the interactive wagering application.

8. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to display a screen for the user that allows the user to select a desired [tote] pool by name.

9. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user with the interactive wagering application that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] pools for wagering and odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

10. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user with the interactive wagering application that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] pools for wagering and average odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

11. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user with the interactive wagering application that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] pools for wagering on the wager created by the user and average odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

13. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the user to create a plurality of wagers; and

displaying a screen with the interactive wagering application that contains information on each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and that contains weighted odds information for each of the [totes] pools, wherein the weighted odds information is based on each of the plurality of wagers.

14. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the user to use the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools; and

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displaying a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers.

15. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the user to use the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools;

displaying a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers; and

displaying an option on the screen that allows the user to submit the wager the user has created for processing.

16. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the user to use the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools;

displaying a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] <u>pool</u> for each of the wagers; and

displaying an option on the screen that allows the user to submit the wager to the given [tote] <u>pool</u> for processing.

17. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the user to use the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>;

displaying a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] <u>pool</u> for each of the wagers; and

displaying an option on the screen that allows the user to select another [tote] <u>pool</u> for the wager.

18. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user that

contains a grid arrangement of information on each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

19. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and information relating to the tax status of each [tote] pool.

20. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and information relating to a pool value associated with each [tote] pool.

21. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and odds-related information for the wager that is associated with each [tote] pool.

22. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising displaying a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple

[totes] <u>wagering pools</u>, odds-related information for the

wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>, and

information on a pool value for the wager that is

associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>.

23. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1

further comprising displaying a screen for the user that

contains information on the name of each of the multiple

[totes] <u>wagering pools</u>, odds-related information for the

wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>, information

on a pool value for the wager that is associated with each

[tote] <u>pool</u>, and tax information related to the wager.

24. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1

wherein using the interactive wagering application to

select the given one of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>

for use in placing the wager further comprises using the

interactive wagering application to automatically apply

[tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on

the tax status of each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering</u>

<u>pools</u>.

25. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1

wherein using the interactive wagering application to

select the given one of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u> for use in placing the wager further comprises using the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on which of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u> provide favorable odds.

26. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u> for use in placing the wager further comprises using the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on tax consequences associated with using each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>.

27. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u> for use in placing the wager further comprises using the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on pool values associated with using each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>.

29. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools for use in placing the wager further comprises using the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria that are based on user preferences.

30. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 wherein using the interactive wagering application to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools for use in placing the wager further comprises using the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria that are based on which wager types are available at each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

31. (Amended)   The method defined in claim 1 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to display account information for the user for each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

32. (Amended) The method defined in claim 1 further comprising using the interactive wagering application to display account balance information for the user for each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

42. (Amended) An interactive wagering system comprising user equipment that a user may use to place [an] electronic wagers on [a] races with an interactive wagering application [that handles wagers for multiple totes], wherein the user equipment is configured to:

provide the user with an opportunity to create a wager of a particular wager type for a particular race using the interactive wagering application; [and]

provide access to multiple wagering pools that are independent of each other, wherein each wagering pool is capable of accepting the wager of the particular wager type for the particular race; and

allow the interactive wagering application to [select a given one of multiple totes to use for placing] place the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools [, wherein each of the multiple totes has an associated wagering pool, and wherein the associated wagering pools are not shared].

43. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the interactive wagering application [selects the given one of the totes] places the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools by automatically applying [tote] wagering pool selection criteria.

44. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the interactive wagering application [is used to select the given one of the totes] places the wager with one of the multiple wagering pools by providing the user with an opportunity to manually apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria.

46. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the interactive wagering application displays a menu region for the user that includes a setup option and wherein the user may access [tote] wagering pool selection features of the interactive wagering application by selecting the setup option.

47. (Twice Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display an option for

the user that allows the user to select a type of [tote] wagering pool selection method the user desires to use to manually select the [tote] wagering pool for the wager.

48. (Twice Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display a setup option for the user that allows the user to select the [tote] wagering pool to be used by the interactive wagering application.

49. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display a screen for the user that allows the user to select a desired [tote] wagering pool by name.

50. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display a screen for the user that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] wagering pools for wagering and odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

51. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display a screen for the user that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] wagering pools for wagering and average odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

52. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display a screen for the user that allows the user to view a list of available [totes] wagering pool for wagering on the wager created by the user and average odds information associated with each of those [totes] pools.

54. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to:

be used by the user to create a plurality of wagers; and

display a screen that contains information on each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and that contains weighted odds information for each of the [totes]

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pools, wherein the weighted odds information is based on each of the plurality of wagers.

55. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to:

be used by the user to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools; and

display a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers.

56. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to:

be used by the user to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools;

display a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers; and

display an option on the screen that allows the user to submit the wager for processing.

57. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to:

be used by the user to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools;

display a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers; and

display an option on the screen that allows the user to submit the wager to the given [tote] pool for processing.

58. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to allow the interactive wagering application to:

be used by the user to select the given one of the multiple [totes] wagering pools; and

display a screen for the user that contains a list of wagers and information on the current odds available at the given [tote] pool for each of the wagers; and

display an option on the screen that allows the user to select another [tote] pool for the wager.

59. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains a grid arrangement of information on each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

60. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and information relating to the tax status of each tote.

61. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and information relating to a pool value associated with each [tote] pool.

62. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools and odds-

related information for the wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>.

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63. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>, odds-related information for the wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>, and information on a pool value for the wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>.

64. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is configured to display a screen for the user that contains information on the name of each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>, odds-related information for the wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>, information on a pool value for the wager that is associated with each [tote] <u>pool</u>, and tax information related to the wager.

65. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on

the tax status of each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering</u> <u>pools</u>.

66. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on which of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u> provide favorable odds.

67. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on tax consequences associated with using each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>.

68. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] <u>wagering pool</u> selection criteria that are based on pool values associated with using each of the multiple [totes] <u>wagering pools</u>.

70. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria that are based on user preferences.

71. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to automatically apply [tote] wagering pool selection criteria that are based on which wager types are available at each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

72. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display account information for the user for each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.

73. (Amended) The system defined in claim 42 wherein the user equipment is further configured to allow the interactive wagering application to display account balance information for the user for each of the multiple [totes] wagering pools.